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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Ristic, et al.
SERIAL NO: 09/810,764
FILED: March 16, 2001
TITLE: MAIZE CHLOROPLAST PROTEIN SYNTHESIS ELONGATION
FACTORS AND METHODS OF USE FOR SAME

GROUP ART NO: 1646
EXAMINER: Flanagan, B.

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

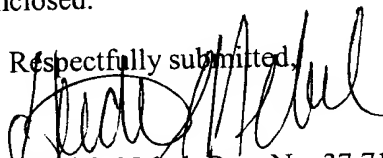
Dear Madam:

This is a request under the provision of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application for one month from May 18, 2002 to June 18, 2002.

Applicant is a large entity; therefore, a check in the amount of \$110.00 for one month is enclosed to cover the cost of the extension.

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Respectfully submitted,


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